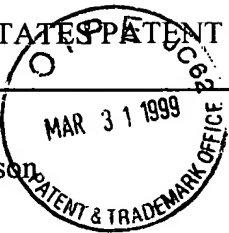


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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on October 26, 1998. Please amend
the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please rewrite the following claims as indicated:

16. (Four times Amended) A nasal dilator capable of introducing separating stresses in outer wall
tissues of a user's nose, said dilator comprising:

a truss [having a pair of spaced-apart end surfaces and] of plastic material comprising
a flexible strip [of plastic material which] with a resilient member and a pair
of spaced apart end surfaces such that forcing such end surfaces[, if forced]
toward one another from initial positions to substantially reduce direct
spacing therebetween by a spacing reduction force external to said truss[,]
results in restoring forces in said truss tending to restore said direct spacing
between said end surfaces due to said [truss including a] resilient member;
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